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NEWS BRIEFS

Enrollment Increase

Enrollment for the fall semester in the nine colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District grew by more than two percent, even though the number of class sections was reduced by more than six percent compared to the previous fall.

The total number of students rose to 111,485 from 108,880.

In announcing these results, District Chancellor Donald G. Phelps, said this had been an accomplished by reducing class size and by instructors, on the average, teaching an increased number of students.

"We were disappointed that we were unable to provide all potential students with the educational programs they needed," said Phelps. "Severe fund shortages required restricting the number of class sections offered this fall."

District to Move

The Los Angeles Community College District will be getting a new home in Summer 1991.

The district has chosen a Wilshire Boulevard site that has an excess of parking and offices with views of the Los Angeles skyline.

LACCD Chancellor Donald G. Phelps announced Monday that the district's Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of a 9-story mid-Wilshire commercial office building for its new headquarters.

The purchase plan will end the district's costlier lease of commercial space for its main office in Los Angeles' central business district.

"We will become occupants of our new building in July 1991. The site has nearly 300 parking spaces for district headquarters employees and nearly 97,000 square feet of office space," said Phelps.

"The total net cost of the building to the district is just over \$12 million," added Phelps. Reportedly, the loan for the purchase will be in excess of \$85 million when amortized over a 25-year period.

A Gift of Love

A benefit for the Women in Crisis Pregnancy Center in the San Fernando Valley.

A gift of non-perishable foods, clothing and baby supplies is that is needed.

The food and clothing drive runs through Friday, Dec. 14.

Please bring your donations to the ASU office (CC 102) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

New Equipment For Broadcasting Department

The Speech and Broadcasting department has been given a purchase order of \$21,884.82, including sales tax, for speech and broadcasting equipment for the Speech/Broadcasting Instructional Program here at Valley College.

Library closed again

By SUSAN M. TYRRELL
Staff Writer

For some students at Valley College, the upcoming vacation will mean a rest from months of continual studying. But for others, it will be time to write those final research and term papers and face, for the second time this semester, a closed Library.

The Library will close this week and reopen on Jan. 2.

Daniel McKee, a Valley College student, circulated a memo to Tyree Weider, vice president of academic affairs, and others in the administration, complaining of this second closure.

"I find it very difficult to understand and believe that Valley College, a so-called institution of higher learning, can permit its Library to be unavailable to its students throughout the first two-thirds of the fall semester and, at the same time, allow its Library to be closed to the students during the entire Christmas vacation," McKee wrote.

McKee said, "Many of us have had extreme difficulty preparing

research papers and other assignments throughout this semester...."

Georgianna Sampler, one of four Valley College librarians, said: "We sympathize. We're very, very sorry for all the inconvenience that the Library being closed has caused, but we don't have the money from anywhere [to keep it open]."

Sampler explained that the Associated Student Union provides the funds for the Library to be open on weekends and holidays. Last semester the Library was open Saturdays and Sundays, but this semester the ASU could only provide less than half the funding it could last semester. This meant the Library could stay open only on Saturdays.

Sampler said the funding wasn't even enough to keep the Library open every Saturday, so the one lump sum they received at the beginning of each semester had to be spaced out to last until the end of the semester.

"The district has never kept the Library open over the holidays," Sampler said. "Ever."

"The ASU once, about 10 years

ago, provided enough money to have the Library open for a few days of the Christmas vacation, but that's it."

Sampler said although the Library was closed for so much of the semester, the librarians were still working in the Cafeteria Conference Room. They did clerical work, sorted books and "probably pulled 10,000 books that were old and needed to be removed."

"Everyone was working since the beginning of the semester even though the Library wasn't open," Sampler said. "We're understaffed, but we try very hard and work very hard."

Weider, to whom McKee's memo was addressed, said: "This is another in a series of areas where services to students are not as full as we would like them to be. We have a problem with funding in the community college system, with education in general."

Weider said she doesn't see much of a possibility of the Library being open for any part of the vacation at this late a date. She said she understood there was some talk of doing so, but nothing appears to have come of it.

Sterk's angry remarks

President Lopez-Lee, Chancellor Phelps and members of the Board of Trustees, I am here today to speak to you about the Spring, 1991 budget and to ask that you vote no to the Board Agenda item allocating \$700,000 from the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) reserve account to Los Angeles City College.

I ask you to do so for three reasons: First, the decision to allocate \$700,000 to City College was not a shared governance decision. Second, the decision to allocate \$700,000 to City College is unfair to other colleges in the district. Third, the decision to allocate \$700,000 to City College jeopardizes the unity of the LACCD "family."

First, the decision to allocate \$700,000 to City College was not a shared governance decision. At no time prior to this policy being on today's Board Agenda was this action discussed, argued and debated by the District's Planning, Budget and Advisory Committee (DPBAC).

At a Nov. meeting between the faculty and administration of Valley College on shared governance, Chancellor Phelps said that the process of shared governance was one where all of the constituencies came together to reach a mutual agreement on college policy.

The Chancellor used the phrase "communal decision making" to describe how college policy should be developed. In practice and in fact, no such communal decision has been used to make the decision to allocate \$700,000 to City College. The Chancellor appears to be practicing the "don't do as I do, do as I say" philosophy that most of us remember from our parents.

If shared governance or communal decision making is to become a reality in this district, it must be practiced at the top — by the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees. You established the shared governance process to recommend policy on items such as the process of budget allocation. The DPBAC has a formula for allocating budget to the colleges which has been accepted by the Chancellor and by all of you. If you do not vote this agenda item down, you will essentially negate that formula and make a mockery of the shared governance process. If you are really committed to shared governance of communal decision making, and to the process you established, you must vote no to this agenda item.

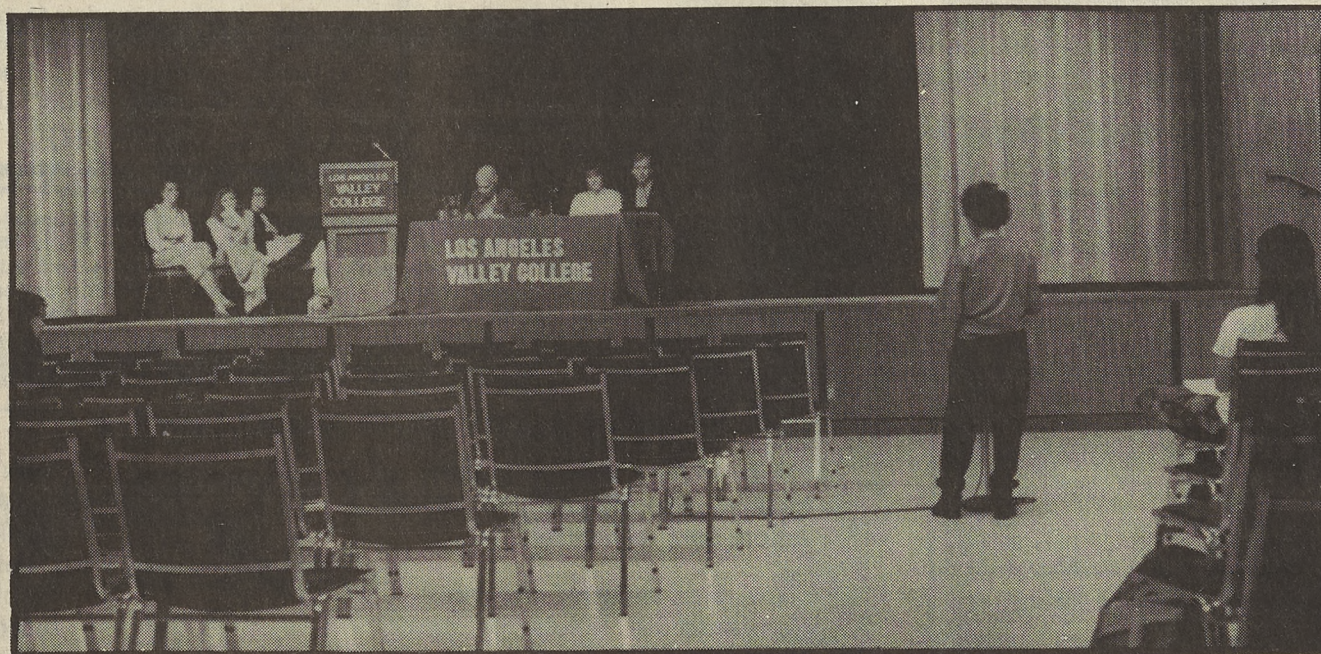
Second, the decision to allocate the \$700,000 to City College is unfair to the other colleges in the district. The last time I checked we were still nine campuses and not just one. Nine campuses with students, faculty and staff. Nine campuses with needs for Spring.

What is the rationale for allocating the \$700,000 to City College? The Board Agenda item says that City College needs the money to insure an adequate Spring semester. This same statement probably applies to the other eight colleges — it certainly applies to Valley College.

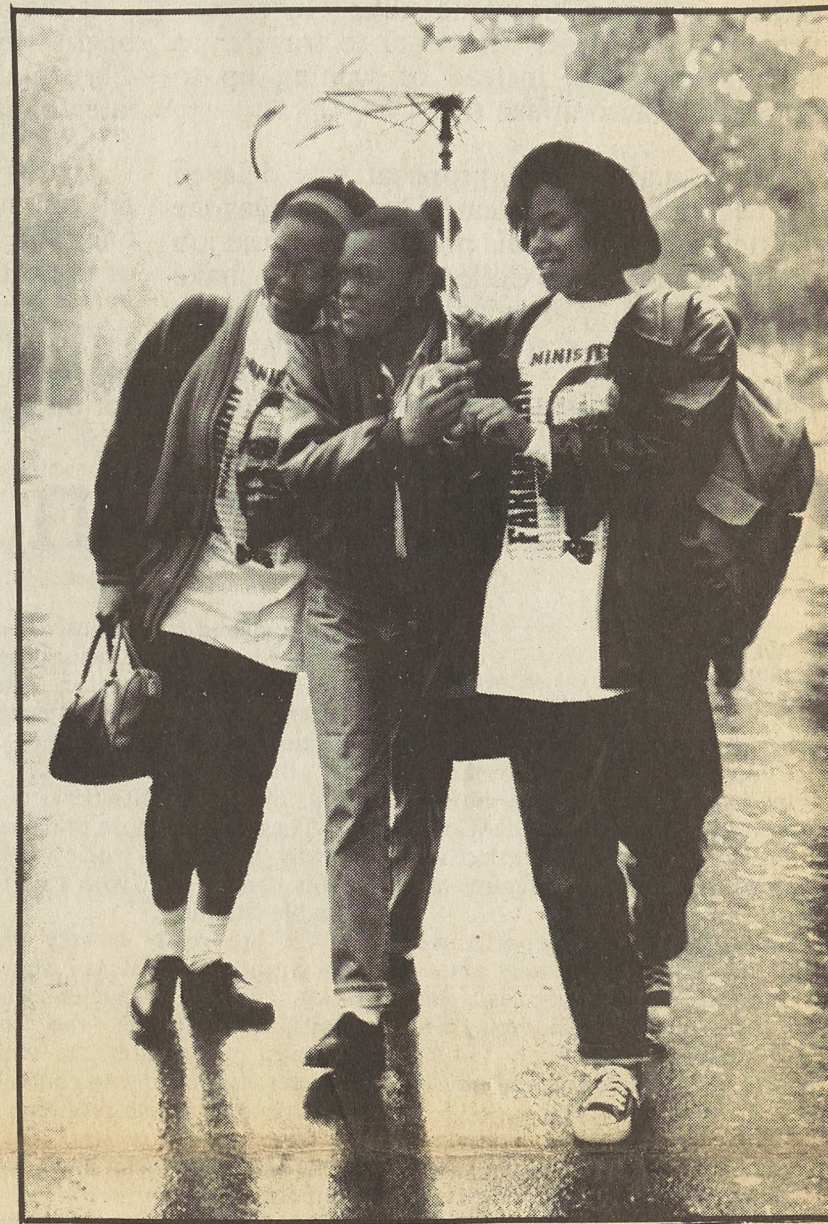
In that same Nov. meeting at Valley College, Chancellor Phelps called Valley College the most efficient college in the district. He called City College the most inefficient college in the district.

So, how is Valley being rewarded for its efficiency. Our 1990-91 budget is down about \$1.8 million from the 1989-90 budget.

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PANEL DISCUSSION — Monarch Hall was the scene of a lightly attended Pro-Choice rally Tuesday. It consisted of (l to r) Donna Piluso, Marlene Cole, Hina Fague, Dr. Ruth Romer, Rebecca Shehee and Andrew Rothmund.



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SHELTER FROM THE STORM — Precious Vance (center), shares her umbrella with unprepared friends Lynett Cushenberry (left) and Kimberly Coleman (right) on their way to class Wednesday morning.

A controversial recommendation to transfer \$700,000 in funds from the Los Angeles Community College District's Reserve for Contingency to Los Angeles City College was to have been voted on by the Board of Trustees yesterday at Pierce College.

Results of the recommendation were not available at press time.

If passed, the \$700,000 would go toward maintaining an adequate spring semester instruction program at LACC. Apparently, LACC was promised the extra instructional money by LACCD

Chancellor Donald Phelps, who met with LACC professors last week.

Reportedly, only \$1 million is in the Reserve for Contingency. This means that the other eight colleges in the District, including Valley, would split the remaining \$300,000.

The proposed fund transfer prompted a bitter response from Jack Sterk, president of the Academic Senate at Valley College. His remarks, scheduled to be delivered to the Board yesterday, are reproduced here in full.

EVENT CALENDAR

Today-Dec. 13

11 a.m.—Campus concert, Mike McCormick, guitar, Music Recital Hall.
Noon—Academic Senate holiday party, Faculty Lounge.
1:30 p.m.—District Academic Senate, meeting City College.
8 p.m.—A Christmas Carol, Little Theater. Tickets \$3 and \$5.

Friday-Dec. 14

1 p.m.—Medically Oriented Students meeting, C 107.
8 p.m.—A Christmas Carol, Little Theater. Tickets \$3 and \$5.
8 p.m.—Planetarium show, "Comets and Meteors," Planetarium.

Saturday-Dec. 15

2 p.m.—Planetarium show, See Friday 8 p.m. for details.
4 p.m.—Star party to Angeles Crest, meet at the parking lot on Burbank and Fulton.
8 p.m.—A Christmas Carol, Little Theater. Tickets \$3 and \$5.

Sunday-Dec. 16

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED.

Monday-Dec. 17

SCHOOL CLOSED—Christmas Vacation through Jan. 2, 1991.

—STAR EDITORIAL—

The time is now

Bring LACCD into line

The American Federation of Teachers' recently proposed a new semester calendar that would coincide with the quarter and semester calendars in the state college and university systems.

With this in mind, students transferring into the University of California and California State University systems could have enrolled immediately after leaving a Los Angeles Community College. This would make it more convenient for students who want to transfer as soon as possible, instead of waiting up to semester to accomplish this.

Unfortunately, this proposal was delayed for negotiations next year. The *Star* urges the district to not reject this proposal. It is the job of the Community College District to make education as convenient as possible for students who need to transfer to a university.

This would definitely improve the convenience of transferring into a California State University system.

Although issues such as paid days off for instructors have posed a problem, there should be no reason as to why this proposal should be rejected. Teachers' pay should not pose a problem when they aren't getting paid enough anyway. This proposal will benefit teachers and students alike.

If the proposal passes, the fall semester will begin in mid-August and end before Christmas. The spring semester would begin in late January and end in May.

The AFT took a survey to see how the union felt about the proposed calendar. A three-to-one ratio by union members repoded in favor of the proposal.

The *Star* joins in favor of the proposal and hopes the AFT will see to it that the proposal not be rejected.



Our future: In a sea of injustice

By AVI OBLIGENARZ
Staff Writer

Every week this past year, a child was murdered in Los Angeles County by his/her parents or caretakers. A report by the International Council on Child Abuse and Neglect was released with terrifying figures and facts.

According to the report, over 1800 children were sexually abused in Los Angeles County last year. The Department of Children's Services received more than 114,000 reports about neglected and abused children in the past year.

There were 25 local, state, and federal agencies participating in this shocking study. "We're in a whole lot more trouble than we thought," explained Dr. Michael Durfee, head of the Child Abuse Prevention Program in the County Health Services Department.

Durfee claims that, compared to previous years, more children are

being removed from abusive homes and more people are being arrested on child abuse and neglect charges.

There is a very small and insignificant decline in the amount of cases that the Children's Services and Department of Health Services handle. These figures pose the question of why a modern society of the 1990's cannot deal with this unacceptable situation.

"We are really a very violent community," claims Sherman Block, a Los Angeles County sheriff. The bigger the county becomes, the greater the violence becomes. It is harder to control and to track child abuse problems with the same amount of staff and funding, especially when the problem continues to grow.

Something has to be done to reduce child abuse.

The Council for the Department of Health Services and the Department of Children's Services recommended that a child abuse computerized data base be developed. A

new center, the "Child Victim Evaluation Center" staffed with police, social workers and prosecutors, will work with the victims of child abuse.

Yet, this is not enough to solve the problem. There are many dif-

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ferent agencies that deal with the problem but there is no computerized program at this time linking all the data that each agency has on child abuse. Such a program would aid in the prevention and the reduc-

tion of child abuse.

We have to find every possible way to fight and reduce child abuse, especially if we truly believe that children are our future. Each one of us should be aware of child abuse. If noticed, do not hesitate to report it to the proper authorities. We can never forget that babies three months of age and less account for 31 percent of the child abuse victims.

The weekly killings of children must stop. Children cannot defend themselves. The only chance that these children have is to be put in our hands.

The recent case where a child was found locked in a closet in her parent's home, in San Bernardino, underlines the importance of our awareness. A neighbor of the child's parents discovered the child and called the police.

The painful problem of child abuse can be solved by our awareness of it. Let's become more aware and report child abuse.

It's for our future, the children.

Letters to the *Star*

To the Editor

Last Thursday, I was compelled to voice a complaint to Valley College concerning the closure of the library over Christmas vacation.

Access to Valley's library is indeed an abhorrent situation! The library has been inaccessible to students a total of 50 school days throughout the Fall '90 semester.

Considering that most assignments are due at least a couple of weeks before the end of the semester, usually right after Christmas break, then, for all practical purposes, this amounts to 39 days of library usability.

Asbestos removal began August 10, 1990 at the end of the summer session. The library reopened November 12. During its closure, the only service available was the paying of book fines.

Now it is to be closed another 15 days in December. No announcement in the *Valley Star* [in fact, the *Star* didn't even know about the closure until I informed it], and no notice posted at the library.

From its reopening in mid-November through last Thursday, the library had a huge banner over the entrance saying "the library is open," as if it were a major breakthrough.

The day following my initial inquiries and complaint at the office of Dr. Mary E. Lee, Valley College president, a small sign was posted near the door reading "closed December 15 thru January 1."

Of the 16,851 students that attend Valley, most of them need to use the library. These students, working for degrees or certificates, are required to complete English Composition 101 which requires two book reports from a specified list and one research paper combined with numerous essays. This is in addition to all the other classes requiring reading, writing and research.

Evening students, 6770 of us, are in class when the library is open in the evening and must rely upon the daytime, weekends or vacation time to use the facility.

I believe students and taxpayers alike who support the Los

Angeles Community College District (LACCD) deserve answers, not excuses, to a host of questions raised by this issue.

Why, if the library was closed for so much of the semester, shouldn't it remain open extra time to make up for the loss? Were the employees paid during the closure [of course, they didn't do the asbestos work themselves]?

Are those employees and librarians entitled to an extra two week holiday? Would 53 days of closure during the semester equal twelve open ones during Christmas break?

Why was the fall semester, the base semester for any school year, selected to suffer closure for asbestos removal? Why wasn't the job done during the lower enrollment period of summer session, when nearby LACCD libraries at Pierce and City Colleges were available?

The forthcoming inaccessibility to library facilities has been conveniently so unnoticeable that it will be too late to do anything about it.

As usual, the students will bear the burden and their grades, time and pocket books will suffer.

Instead of preparing for and celebrating the Christmas season, students trudge around to public libraries among shoppers and Christmas carols.

One can easily anticipate that any response to the issue by administration officials will be passing blame and responsibility on to someone else. I can hear it now, "the students should have known ..., the asbestos contractor miscalculated ..., district budget dictates ..., budget cut-backs ..."

Good grief, hundreds of classes and services have already been cut out of the LACCD this year due to someone's prior miscalculations!

They call this mess higher education. Perhaps hire education should be addressed.

Never-the-less, I just can't help but wonder how complacent and dumb the student is supposed to be to achieve higher learning.

Daniel McKee
LAVC Student

In pursuit of socialized medicine

By SUSAN TYRRELL
Staff Writer

These United States: we are so rich, so privileged, so free and so screwed up.

In the United States you can do anything you want and be anything you want - except get sick.

When you get sick and when you're not swimming in health insurance, you may as well be living on Gilligan's Island, alone. That's how our wonderful government will treat you, as if you don't exist.

It is past time for socialized medicine in these United States. In the Fall '90 issue of the *Public Interest Journal*, Laurence S. Seidman writes on national health insurance and refers to a two-decade-old article in the same journal by Martin Feldstein.

Feldstein wrote that certain systems of national health care should be judged by certain criteria, among them: whether the system prevents deprivation of care; whether the system prevents financial hardship; whether the system is easily administered and whether the system is generally acceptable.

In examining the health care

system in the United States, I haven't found any of these criteria to be applicable.

I know of a woman who has personally experienced the horrors of American health care. In January she had a case of pneumonia. She put off medical attention, thinking "it was just the flu."

Finally, she became so sick she decided to walk down the street to see her doctor (she does not drive.) On her way, she fell in a crosswalk and broke her hip.

An ambulance was called and, since most emergency rooms in LA County are closed, she was taken to the the closest one, in Sun Valley. This was the beginning of her horror story.

She was not on Medi-Cal. She had no insurance since getting injured at her age is both expensive and complicated. Also, despite her age she did not qualify for Medi-Cal since her retirement pension was too high.

In her first days of hospitalization she was close to death. That, however, did not prevent the hospital social workers and financial administrators from continually asking her how she was going to pay.

The hospital concluded that she needed to be transferred to a county hospital. She never was.

At first, there was no bed space at any county facility. She spent that time lying in bed, in one position, waiting for a hip operation that could not be performed until the pneumonia had subsided and until there was county bed space.

During that time, her care was appalling. When she rang for a bedpan it would be several minutes before a nurse would respond, even though she was right in front of the nurses' station.

She was constantly bombarded with financial papers and her hip surgery was repeatedly delayed, leaving her in dire pain.

This woman was given Medi-Cal forms but, due to her income, didn't qualify for full coverage. She was placed on share-of-cost, which required her to pay the first \$900 of each month's medical bills before Medi-Cal would pay a penny. Her income was too high for complete coverage, but \$900 a month was an impossible amount to take out of her retirement pension.

Well, she couldn't pay the first \$900 so Medi-Cal stopped all her

coverage. By the second month of her hospitalization the hospital was threatening to attach her retirement benefits.

That never happened. After her release she received a hospital bill for \$15,000, marked "past due." This did not include the anesthesiologist or other similar services.

The irony is that she should have been transferred immediately to a county facility, had her operation, begun physical therapy and been released in a few weeks, rather than two months.

Instead, the hospital stopped calling for bed space. They took it upon themselves to straight bill her, knowing she could not pay.

I watched her dreadful experiences and realized it was a blatant failure of Feldstein's criteria. I believe this is the rule, not the exception.

I believe that "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" includes being healthy and receiving proper, prompt and responsible medical care.

Obviously it does not. It is time for socialized medicine in these United States allowing for adequate health care for all people.

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The Valley Star is happy to receive and, if possible, publish letters from its readers.



The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing if

they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented to the Valley Star office, Bungalow 25, by Monday for the following Thursday.

Letter

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We had to cancel 206 classes in the Fall '90 semester. We scheduled 12 less full-time equivalencies (FTEs); a reduction of 60 classes, for Spring 1991 from Spring 1990. And we still find ourselves \$380,000 in budget.

An emergency meeting of the LAVC Council on Monday, Dec. 10, action was taken to approve a task force recommendation to the College President that an addition 14 FTEs or 70 classes be cut from the current Spring schedule and that all discretionary spending be frozen for one month so that the LAVC Budget Committee could make recommendations on where to come up with the rest of the money needed to balance the Valley College budget.

It is likely that another 14 FTEs will have to be cut to bring the budget into balance.

When the College President asked Acting Vice-Chancellor Standon for the \$380,000 she was told no. This is the reward for efficiency. But what's the reward for being inefficient? How about for being the most inefficient? You get an extra \$700,000. As one Board of Trustee member told me, it's the old "oil the squeaky wheel concept."

If City College is allocated this money they will offering 340 FTEs for the Spring, 1991 semester. If Valley College has to cut the 28 additional FTEs for Spring, 1991 it will be offering 268 FTEs.

City College, called by Chancellor Phelps the most inefficient college in this district, will be offering 72 FTEs or 360 more classes in Spring, 1991 than will Valley College. This situation will be worse for all of the other eight colleges in Fall, 1991, because the additional \$700,000 will become part of City College's 1991-1992 budget base.

The fairness issue just played a major role in the 1990 elections. George Will has called it the issue that will dominate American politics this decade. It is an issue in this district now, today.

The right thing to do, the fair thing to do, would be allocate this \$700,000 to all of the colleges based on the formula for allocation adopted by the DPBAC. If you vote yes on this request to allocate \$700,000 to City College, you will make fairness the dominant issue in this district as we move into the 1991 important off-

year elections.

Third, the decision to allocate \$700,000 to City College jeopardizes the unity of the LACCD "family." It is possible that if this agenda item passes, some district colleges will pull out of the DPBAC and/or that committee will dissolve.

It is possible that if this agenda item passes, faculty at some colleges will be so angry and frustrated that they will work against goals and objectives adopted recently by this Board. It is possible that if this agenda item passes, a larger — more important — goal may be lost, the \$200,000,000 bond issue. In order to even have a chance to pass, you will need the united support of students, faculty and staff of all nine colleges and not just one.

As Winston Churchill said in his speech to the House of Commons in 1940, "If we open a quarrel between the past and present, we shall find that we have lost the future."

One member of this Board told me that if, in passing this agenda item, it causes faculty at my college to take the case for budget equity and fairness public, resulting in the defeat of the bond issue, that defeat would be on my head. No, if that happens, it will be on all of your heads.

If you want the respect, support and unity of effort needed to pass this bond issue from all member of the LACCD family, you must show all of them the same level of respect, support and unity. You can only do this by voting no on the budget agenda item allocating \$700,000 to City College.

In my 20 in this district, I have spoken to you only on the most important of occasions. I consider this one of those times. I hope you do not take my words lightly, for I have chosen them with care. You are the guardians of the public trust for all of the colleges, not just one. The nine colleges of this district all need to have an adequate Spring semester, not just one. By rejecting the agenda item to allocate \$700,000 to just one college in the district, you will show the many you are committed to trying to meet the needs of the many and the one.

As Alexaznder Pope wrote, "Tis education that forms the common mind: just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined."

Thank You.

Gayton helping students

By GARY CLAY
Staff Writer

Walking into the Adaptive Physical Education gym at Valley College, visitors see students working out, building up a sweat. At the same time, they see students showing a deep concern toward each other, helping each other out of the wheelchairs and guiding each other to equipment.

To them the task the thing. They are not working out for the Valley College basketball or football team.

They are disabled. They are paraplegic, quadraplegic, deaf, blind. They are students who have suffered from heart attacks, strokes and Parkinson disease. Jim Gayton has been working with disabled students at Valley College for 11 years.

"I was an athletic trainer at Cal State Northridge, working in a new program with disabled students," Gayton says. "Doing voluntary work with the disabled, I really enjoyed the effort and intensity in which people tried to rebuild

themselves. I worked with the U.S. Olympic and the national cycling team so I began to see a big difference when it came to disabled students. There was a big difference in the accomplished athlete and someone fighting just to have a place in life," Gayton says.

"A tremendous number of my students have gained success, but it's more of their effort and working together as a group," he says. "I let them know how to minimize what ever disability they have, and to maximize their abilities."

Gayton has been married 31 years and has seven children. A hobby that relates to his job is camping, and he involves his students. At times, he takes his students along with others from the Braille Institute for the Blind, on bicycle campouts. "I love to fish," says Gayton as he pays close attention to one of his students lifting a pair of weights.

A lot of my hobbies carry over into my work," he says. "I have a student that wants me to take him hunting so we are planning that. "In terms of satisfaction, I work with a lot of wonderful kids," says. Personally, "I'm

always fighting for a higher level of health I've had back surgery twice. I always have back pain and if I could reach that goal, I would be satisfied. I am also satisfied with my children," Gayton says.

"My life is so busy that if I had a day with nothing to do, I would probably pass out on the floor," he says. "I am adding 3,500 square feet on to my house. It's a lot of work. The last year, my life has been based on coming to work, going home sleeping, or working on my house."

Gayton would like to see Valley College offer his students more room in the gym. The attendance rate is "great," he says, and Valley offers a great deal of services to his students.

"I wish we could provide them with professional assistance," he adds. "This is one of the greatest s...esters I have had. I have help from dedicated students. But, I have to teach the students and by the time they learn, it's time for them to move on," Gayton adds. "The more equipment for the students, the more we can meet the specialized needs of students."

Operation Homefront

For every person called to Middle East, scores must wait at home... worried, anxious and often times isolated from others who share in their concerns.

The LifePLUS Trauma Recovery Team is providing FREE ongoing support groups for families and friends of those serving their country in the Middle East.

The support groups are held every Tues. from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the LifePLUS Building at 6441 Coldwater Ave. For more information call (818) 753-7171.

Single Parent

The Fall semester hours for the single parent/returning women resource center are Tuesdays 5-6 p.m. and Wednesdays 4-6 p.m. and by appointment. For more information call 781-1200 ext. 288 or 332.

Child Development

The Child Development Center has openings in its evening program for schoolage children (5 thru 13 years).

Applications are available at the Child Development Center or call 781-1200 ext. 231 or 988-8570.

Please note all day classes are filled, but applications are still being accepted for Spring 1991.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Friends of Bill W.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets in Bungalow 51 on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. The meeting is open to everyone.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous, for students who either have or think they have a drug problem, meets in Bungalow 1 daily. They meet Monday through Friday at 8 a.m., Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m.

There are no dues or membership fees required, only a desire to quit using drugs. Additional information is available on the bulletin board outside the ASU office (CC 102).

Of the 150 students at Valley, he says they need different types of equipment. "The more equipment we have, the more people we can help with so many different types of disability, Gayton says. "It is very difficult to minimize a severe disability. But, with the help of family, students and teachers it can be done," says Gayton.

It is not easy for Gayton's students to come to Valley College. "My students fight hard to get here," he says.

"The shelter where students wait

News Notes

Recycle

The Child Development Center Parent Club is collecting aluminum cans for recycling. All proceeds will go directly to the children's program for supplies and equipment.

For more information or for pick-up, call 781-1200, ext. 231.

Night Watch

The Administration of Justice club is out to help you. If you need and escort go to Bungalow 12 or call extension 224.

The A. J. Club also needs people to work night watch. Two hours or whatever is possible one night a week for escorts, patrols and parking lot checks. For more info go to Bungalow 12 or call extension 224.

Transfer Help

Students who have any questions about transferring to a four-year college or university are invited to take advantage of the expertise of the college's teaching staff.

The following professors will be available to fill you in on the finer points of your major choices.

Electronics and related fields:

Tom Oliver.

Tues. 5-6 p.m. and Wed. 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Counseling Lobby and in his office on Tues. 3-5 p.m. in Physics 109.

English and related fields:

Mary Spangler.

Tues. 9-11 a.m. in the Counseling Lobby and in her office on Mon. 11 a.m.-12 noon and Wed. 11 a.m.-12 noon in Humanities 121c.

Sociology and related fields:

Mike Vivian.

Tues. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Counseling Lobby and on Wed. and Thurs. in his office in Campus Center 223 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Study Abroad

Applications are still being accepted for the spring semester international education programs.

Programs offered are in Paris, France; Salamanca, Spain; and Morelia, Mexico.

Summer programs for 1991 include Spanish in Morelia and Salamanca; French in Paris; Italian language and civilization in Florence, Italy; Japanese language and civilization in Tokyo, Japan; Art in Spain; Child Development in Eastern Europe; Marine Biology of the Gulf of California; Natural History of Costa Rica; Fashion Design in Europe; and Literature of Ireland.

For brochures, information and dates and times of informational meetings, call the International Education Program at (213) 666-4255.

Items Needed

The Biology 38 class invites interested students to participate in the collection of items for residents at the Chris Brownlie Hospice in Los Angeles for distribution on Christmas Eve.

Items needed are handkerchiefs, white sweat socks, knit slippers, cigarettes, lighters, pens, pencils, manicure sets, brushes, combs and individually wrapped candy. Items should be brought to LS 102.

Early Registration

Priority registration for continuing students has begun. For first choice of classes, mail in your registration by Dec. 14.

Counseling

A CSUN representative will meet with transfer students every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m.

The representative will be available in the Counseling Lobby of the Administration Building. Appointments are not necessary.

Angeles Community College District in tutoring and test taking and it has a complete package for disabled students. If there is a solution, Gayton will figure it out. As much as there are smiles, love, warmth and unity among Gayton and his students, he received word that one of his students was murdered. Gayton, along with his disabled students, raised \$150 for the student and donated it to the Victims of Violent Crime. It's not only an eight-hour job for him, but a part of his life.

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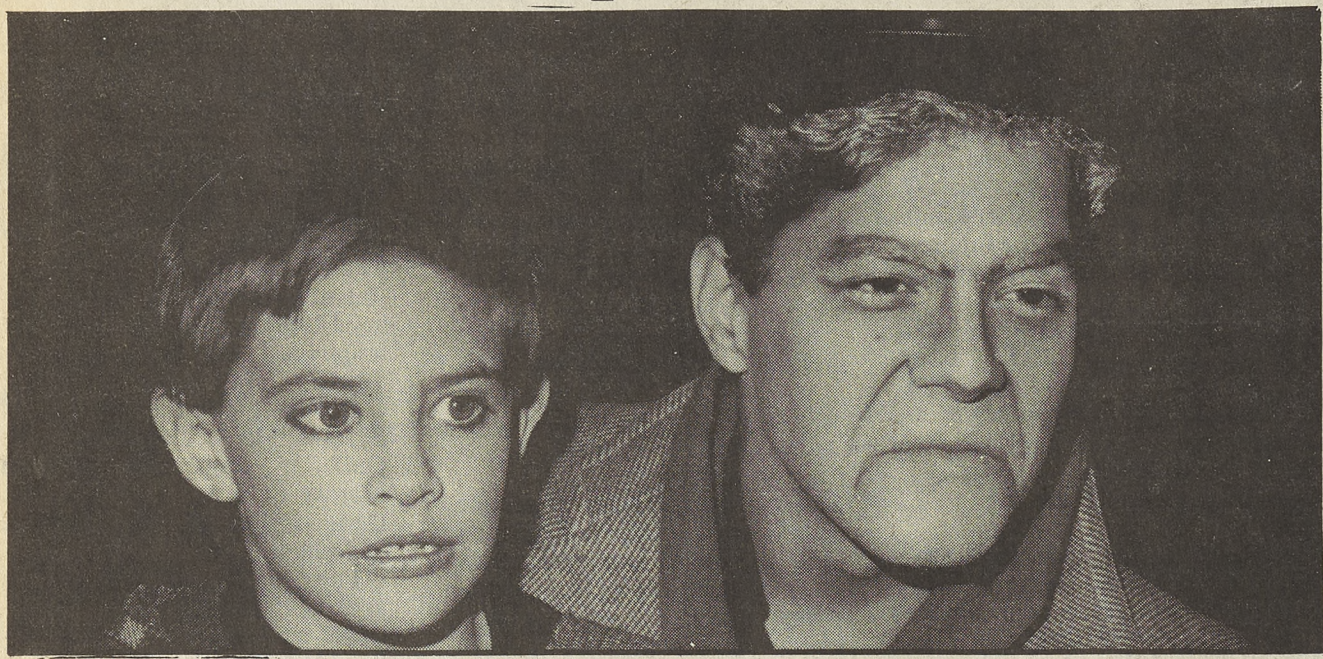
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Parkin re-adapts *Tiny Tim*



The Los Angeles Valley College Theater Arts Department last three shows of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens will run from Thursday Dec. 13, through Saturday Dec. 15 in the Little Theater at 8 p.m.

This particular version of the play has been updated to the 90's. *Tiny Tim* played by 8 year old Dana Erwin seen above and *Scrooge* played by Bob Simon are shown here during one of their dress rehearsals last Wednesday. Professor Pete Parkin made the adaptation of the play as well as conduct the audition for its

30 member cast.

During the 5 weeks in which the production was being developed, it was difficult to find someone to play *Tiny Tim*. An audition was held for that particular part where Dana Erwin turns out to be son of former advisor of the Valley Star Eddie Erwin who also took the above photo.

Our current Chairperson of the History/Humanities/Law and Political Science Department Shannon Stack is the mother of Dana Erwin. "It's been a great experience for five weeks watching the play

develop," said Erwin. "There is singing, very good voices, and I urge everyone to see it," said Erwin.

General admission for the play is \$5. Students and seniors \$3. On Thursday, the Little Theater will be accepting a can food in place of money for admission. All the food that is collected will go to the Interfaith Food Pantry in North Hollywood to feed the homeless during the holiday season.

For more information please call the Theater Arts Department at (818) 781-1200 ext. 353.

-Compiled by Luther E. Orrick

Guerrero defends Chicanos

By LUTHER ORRICK
Entertainment Editor

Our parents might have walked miles to school when they were kids, but how many had to grow up during the Depression, to forcibly learn to speak English and to work to help support a family of 11.

Lalo Guerrero did. He has written three all-time folkloric standards in the history of Mexican music, and on top of that he has been called a champion of Chicanos and defender of Mexican/American rights.

Guerrero, who was born in Tucson, Ariz., in December 1916, grew up like any other Mexican boy. His parents were both native Mexicans and didn't speak English. This wasn't a problem until the day he had to go to school. "It was embarrassing; it was either you sunk or swim," said Guerrero.

While he was growing up, his mother taught him how to play guitar and piano. After completing high school, he decided to try to help his family by working. Guerrero did what he knew best, composing and performing music.

Working at bars and clubs singing solos, duos and trios, Guerrero was making some money. He helped his family monetarily and decided to try his luck in Mexico. He was accepted as a composer when he wrote songs like *La Cancion Mexicana* for the immortal Lucha Reyes.

In Mexico City, Guerrero caught a dose of discrimination in the music industry. After a year of knocking on doors, he realized the Mexican market didn't accept him as a performer. He was an American.

Guerrero came to Los Angeles where he signed a contract with Imperial Records, a company that recorded Mexican music. This is where he got his name as a performer. Guerrero recorded many of his own compositions which would transcend

to Mexico and get recorded by popular artists of the time.

"It wasn't until recently that Mexico started accepting me as an artist, but it's too late now, I'm too old," said Guerrero. "At the time I tried to break into the Mexican market as a soloist, I was young, tall and slender; now I'm 73 years old, chubby. They're not going to put me on an album cover," said Guerrero.

Without any regrets although a little bitter, Guerrero looks back at his career with pride. He is mostly happy because he became a champion of Chicanos.

"That's my forte now," he said. "I write about Mexican/American problems. I'm an activist, a defender of Mexican/American rights and sort of a spokesman in music for my people in the United States. That's worth a lot to me, more than money or anything else."

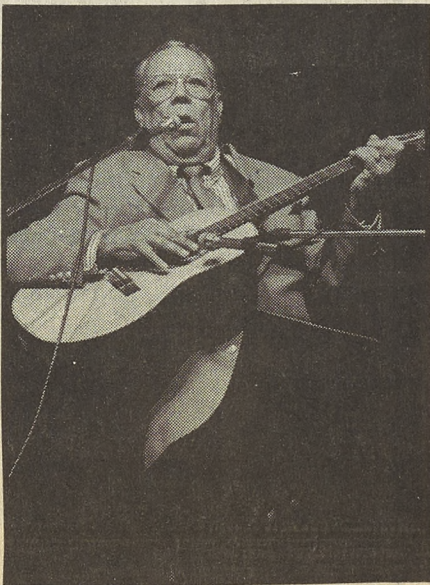
Among other things, Guerrero has not only been a successful songwriter and performer of Mexican/American music, but he has also been looked upon as great composer. The music in the acclaimed play *Zoot Suit* was written by him. For this, he received one of his two *Golden Eagle* awards.

Guerrero is now writing new songs for the musical version of *Zoot Suit* written by Luis Valdez. Other plans in the works include visiting college campuses where he will speak and perform as he did here at Valley earlier this month.

Although Guerrero isn't knocking on doors in Mexico City any more, he recently came back from there where he finished his 35-year-old childrens' album series entitled *Las Tres Ardillitas*.

This series started in the mid-50s when Lalo was experimenting in a sound studio with voices.

Las Tres Ardillitas, which in English would be translated as The Three Squirrels, could be considered as our version of *The Chipmunks*.



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Lalo Guerrero

"I did them first!" said Guerrero. "One day I found a voice and wrote a song about a Martian who came to earth." That voice was what influenced the characters of Panfilo, Anacleto and Demetrio, the three original squirrels.

During the time of *Las Tres Ardillitas*, Guerrero also wrote songs with provocative lyrics for adults. One of those songs was called *Las Pantimedias* which was about panty-hose. Another, a follow-up called *La Minifalda de Reynalda*, was a comical song about mini-skirts when they first came into vogue. These were his earliest encounters with censorship.

The follow-up song was never aired. "That problem with *2 Live Crew* is nothing new to me, I was going through that in the 50s in Spanish," said Guerrero.

Guerrero, now retired, lives in Palm Springs. Still active, he writes constantly and performs two nights a week at *Las Casuelas Nuevas Restaurant* in Rancho Mirage.

Campus Entertainment

Campus Concerts

Guitarist and former Valley College Classical Studies student Michael McCormick will be giving a campus concert today, at 11 a.m. in Music 106. The 48 minute recital is free and will include interpretations of works by J.S. Bach, Joaquin Rodrigo, Renando Sor, Manuel Ponce and Moreno Torroba. McCormick possesses a master's degree in classical guitar from USC and has toured the U.S. and Europe with the *Los Angeles Guitar Quartet*. He also appeared at Carnegie Recital Hall in New York City with flutist Kathy Schrah.

-Compiled by Jimmy Sloan

Dec. 13: Mike McCormick guitar concert in the Music Recital Hall at 11 a.m.

Jan. 3: *CSUN Opera Department* directed by Dr. David Scott in the Music Recital Hall at 11 a.m.

Jan. 10: *LAVC Chamber Ensembles* directed by Kathleen Adams in the Music Recital Hall at 11 a.m.

Theater Arts

Dec. 13, 14 and 15 The Theater Arts Department presents *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens adapted by Professor Peter Parkin in the Little Theater.

General Admission is \$ 5 dollars. Seniors and students pay \$ 3. On Thursday night the theater will be accepting canned food in place of money. The food will go to the Interfaith Food Pantry in North Hollywood to the feed the homeless during the holiday season.

For more information call the Theater Arts Dept. (818) 781-1200 ext. 351

IMS Film Schedule

All movies will be screened free of charge on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in BSc 101.

Jan. 2: *Wuthering Heights* starring Laurence Olivier, Merle Oberon, David Niven, and Flora Robson. Directed by William Wyler, 1939.

Jan. 9: *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* starring Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Sandy Dennis and George Segal. Directed by Mike Nichols, 1966.

Jan. 16: *Cry Freedom* starring Kevin Kline, Penelope Wilton and Denzel Washington. Directed by Richard Attenborough, 1987.

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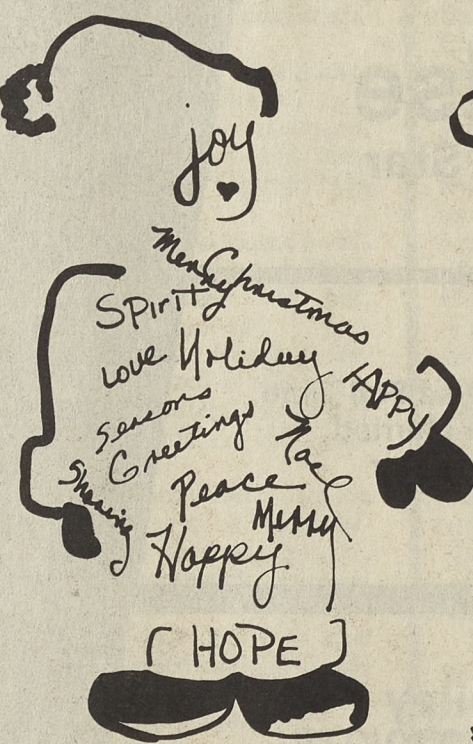
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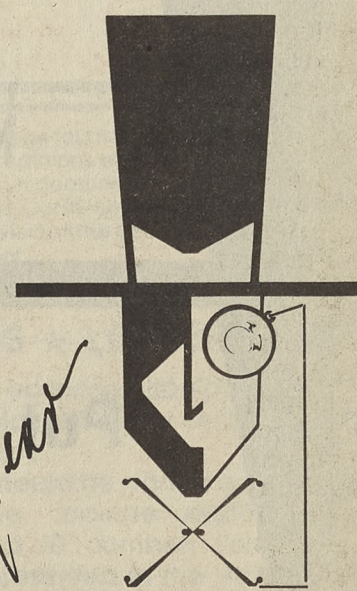


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X-mas: it's that season again!

By SUSAN M. TYRRELL
Staff Writer

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Everywhere you go there's a Santa Claus at the Galleria, a sale at Saks and special rates for credit card users?

All right! What happened? When did Kris Kringle become *Kris Kommercialism*?

Everytime I turn on my T.V. a different Santa Claus is telling me that I absolutely have to participate in their very special Christmas bargain so that my loved ones and I can have a truly Merry Christmas. Uh huh...right!

Maybe I shouldn't talk, after all, I've spent the last week at every galleria, boutique and fashion center this side of the state line.

I bought a Christmas tree, presents for my friends and so many Christmas goodies I'll probably be dieting until next Christmas.

It all starts with the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Madison Avenue sure knows how to show an American illusion of Christmas, and I love it as much as the next person.

The whole charade doesn't end for me until the January white sales. I can't resist a sale, even on washcloths.

As you can see, I have nothing against Christmas, or even a little *Kommercialism*. But I also love the true spirit of Christmas. The one in



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OH CHRISTMAS TREE — Sherman Oaks Fashion Square center piece tree.



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DEAR SANTA — Tina Casteneda sparkles after giving Santa her Christmas list at the Sherman Oaks Fashion Square.

which retailers can't profit on love, friends and the general happiness of it all.

Away In a Manger is one of those carols that's not too popular anymore, but that's the true spirit of Christmas.

Even if Christmas holds no religious connotations for you, it's still valid. Because the belief in the birth of the Christ child wasn't about religion, it was about love. So even if you don't believe in that, you have to believe in love.

I mean, when you go Christmas shopping, you don't buy presents for your best enemies.

One of my favorite Christmas stories is *Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*. It's the tale of a little girl whose friends tell her there's no Santa. Virginia decides to write to the New York Sun because her father says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so."

The editor writes back and says, "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist."

Alas! How dreary would be the world if there was no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia's.

There would be no child-like faith. No poetry; No romance to make tolerable this existence. Those real things in the world are those that neither children or men can see! That's Christmas.

Silent Night, Holy Night the Beverly Center has lots of lights!!

It's shopping time

By YVONNE RODRIGUEZ
Staff Writer

When Christmas or Hanukkah comes around, shopping is sure to follow.

It's inevitable to celebrate the holidays without going through this treacherous procedure we so nicely refer to as shopping. Everyone should be forced to take a course in Holiday Shopping 101 in order to purchase cheap yet interesting gifts *think frugal*.

The first rule for the holiday shopper is to remember for whom you are shopping. This will usually help you focus on an adequate item so that you won't end up spending money on gifts randomly. Always remember that with the money you save you can buy yourself a better and more expensive present than the ones you bought for your friends.

Another handy and effective plan is to make a list of all your friends and relatives starting with the individuals you like the most (or those that always give you gifts) and leave the ones you want to forget for last. By doing this you know ahead of time whom you're going to spend the most money on (it also gives you time to change your mind) and whether or not you'll be making a quick stop to a

near by K-MART.

Holidays are if not anything else a perfect occasion for revenge. You can get back at the idiot who gave you the stinkin'-good-for-nothing potpourri last Christmas. Revenge can be an extremely joyous alternative to becoming bored with the usual holiday cheer. You can always find entertaining ways to ruin the cheerfulness and turn it into hell.

Anyway, back to shopping. After you've completed the list of fortunate people who will be receiving real gifts, it's time to shop!

The first place to start is the mall, but be aware that your life is in immediate danger if you decide to go two days prior to the holiday season. Therefore, always shop early to avoid being trampled. Plus, it's more likely that you'll find better bargains too!

Remember: think CHEAP. There is nothing worse than spending all of your cash on someone other than yourself so don't feel obligated to go into the overpriced department stores.

All smart shoppers know how to take advantage of the seasons sales. The best way to accomplish this is to window shop first, don't purchase the first thing you get your hands on. Instead, wait until you've been able to

compare prices from other stores. After comparing prices it is much easier to choose the *good gifts* for your nice friends and the not so good gifts for the others on your list.

Half of the trouble of shopping can be solved by knowing where to shop. Malls are not the only solutions because there are other practical alternatives.

Be creative. Novelty stores or home made gifts require more of your imagination and can be less expensive. If manual labor isn't your style, there are many unique stores on Melrose Ave. and Hollywood Blvd., but be warned you may need police protection. But, hey we're all going to die anyway, right? And what better way to die than shopping?!

With the inflation monster ready to strike your wallet, it's becoming very difficult to get something for everyone on the Christmas/Hanukkah list.

Consequently, one has to settle for a giving out few presents limited to only those extra special people. But don't worry, there is always next year!

You can make it up to those gift less individuals by giving them a card and a piece of candy or treat them to lunch sometime after the holidays. That should shut them up for a while, or at least until the holidays are over. See, life isn't so complicated!



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BOULEVARD OF DREAMS — Hollywood Blvd. is one of the most opulently decorated streets in Los Angeles.

Let the winter break begin

By PATRICIA RUBIO
View Editor

Traditionally, the Christmas and Hannakah season is a time of joy and peace; it is an occasion for family gatherings, but for students, the holiday takes on a different connotation.

Unlike the other holidays, the Christmas/Hannakah season holds special meaning for both students and faculty: WINTER BREAK!

Just as we're about to be fitted for a straight jacket, the two week winter break begins. It is the only thing keeping us from insanity.

Winter break is positioned at exactly the perfect opportunity on the school calendar: after midterms and before the beginning of finals.

It gives both students and faculty enough time to rest and forget all of the responsibilities relating to education. I personally, hide all of my books during the holidays.

For those unfortunate people who

are struggling to maintain passing grades, the winter break provides them with extra time to do make up or extra-credit work.

Believe me, the work accomplished during the two week vacation can

Unfortunately, the winter break is two weeks too short! After New Year our minds have turned to mush from not being put to a constructive use.

Making the adjustment from

Party Tips

1. If you're hosting a party monitor your guest's drinking.
2. Don't drink and drive.

make a dramatic difference in the outcome of your grades.

The real joy in the holiday comes from all of the great parties. After the Christmas Eve party is over you have a week to recover from the excitement and the hangovers.

The only problem with excessive partying is that it can wreck havoc on your appearance.

After you begin to lose all of the bags underneath your eyes, it's time to prepare for the next big bash: the New Year's Eve parties!

Yes, both the winter and spring breaks are notorious for being the perfect opportunities to party!

It is the only time of the year that students can let out all their agitations and look like fools while still being socially accepted.

couch potato to student is a hard transition to make. Students are forced to return to school bleary-eyed and semi-unconscious.

The only reason anyone returns after the break is due to the fact that we are too broke to flee the state. Christmas break can be very expensive. Poverty stricken and with no where else to go, our only alternative is to return to LAVC.

Physically, we're expected to resume classes on January 2, 1991. Mentally, we won't be back until the third week of January.

With this in mind, I wish you all a happy holiday. Party until you drop!

Just remember, it's only a short break, so live it up. Enjoy your two weeks of bliss and keep in mind that we only have one day to recover from the new year festivities.

Grinch's spirit

By RIGO RUBIO
Staff Writer

Ho ho ho? Merry Christmas? What the hell is so good about it?!

Unfortunately, it's that time of year again. Rambunctious brats, annoying relatives and the dirty smell of the greed they carry with them as they roam around your house.

Although most people tend to enjoy this so called joyous holiday season, Christmas always seems like a big headache to me.

Don't get me wrong, I absolutely love receiving gifts and money, but the mere thought of twenty whining kids running around the tree like a pack of rabid sewer rats doesn't appeal to me!

Moreover, having that crazy aunt you so lovingly nicknamed Satan pinching your cheeks every five minutes can prove painful.

Then of course, there's the greed. Pushing, pulling, yelling and crying over a gift whose name tag has fallen—and that's just on your part! Eventually you manage to get to dinner time without having killed anyone.

That's only until those charming carolers sounding like a herd of cows in heat, come parading up to your door.

You are suddenly overpowered by a malicious urge to grab the closest

pitcher of water and generously donate it upon your uninvited guests. But, being the generous person you are, you have kindly added handfuls of ice cubes for your dear friends to enjoy.



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After performing your deed, you attentively watch as these people quiver, shiver and shake outside your door. After all, you do need some form of entertainment!

Hours go by. The tension starts to build as you watch your greed infested family members lurk under the tree like hungry cockroaches. Every one of them wants something good from you, but you know all you're getting from them is that stale fruit cake that you gave them the last year!

By now you have grown to abhor your freeloading relatives. You desperately wish to set fire to their shoes, causing them to either leave or die.

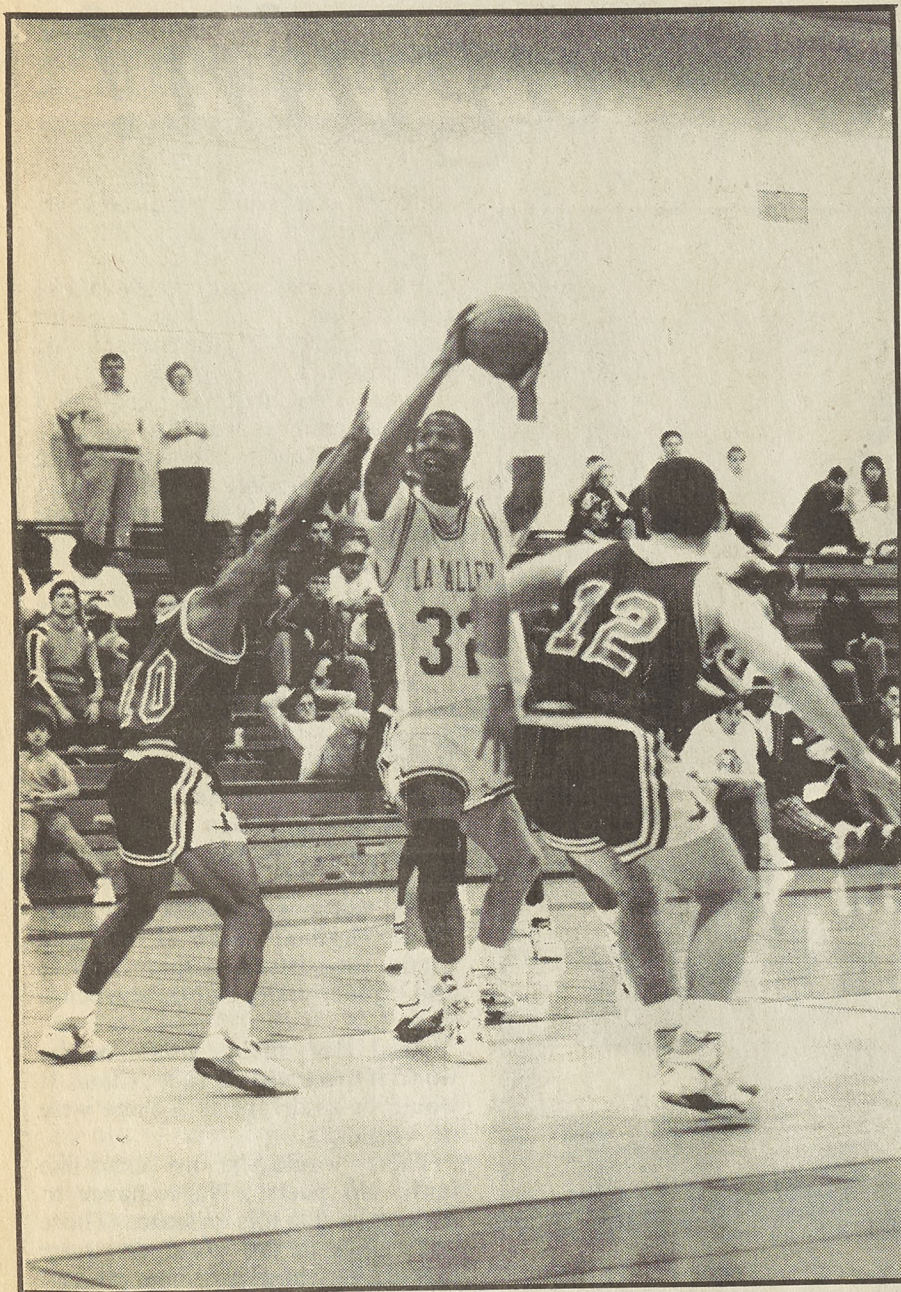
Instead, you decide to exact revenge on the young ones by telling them that Santa Claus was brutally bludgeoned by Rudolph the homicidal red nosed reindeer.

Ahh, you have finally ruined the Christmas spirit of twenty hyper munchkins! Yet you still have an hour before the clock strikes twelve.

What do you do now, you ask? Well, by this time you may try slipping laxatives into other people's food and drinks. Within a few minutes you will start seeing results.

Everyone will be flying out of your house in no time! If confronted, just act innocent and admit nothing!

Now that your Christmas is officially over and you've had your fun, you may start to eagerly await the next holiday season.



PETER MAXWELL / Valley Star

TAKIN' IT STRONG—Russell Baldwin drives past Oxnard players.

Valley keeps winning

Oxnard, Mt. Sac latest Monarch victims

By ERIC BURNS
Sports Editor

Men's basketball for Valley has enjoyed success away from Valley. It is the mark of a successful team to win your games on the home floor as well as on the road. Last year's conference championship winning team compiled a 22-10 record by winning games both home and away.

Coming off wins in six of their last eight contests, the Monarchs were looking to continue their winning ways last Saturday against a quick squad from Oxnard Community College in a preseason matchup.

Despite a sluggish start by the 7-3 Monarchs, Valley recovered in time to defeat the Condors 73-62 at Monarch Gymnasium last Saturday. The Monarchs will prepare for another long road trip, so long that the next time Valley plays at home, a 1991 calendar will be necessary to keep up.

Valley will participate in three tournaments: Glendale from Dec. 12-15th, East L.A. from Dec. 18-20th and College of the Desert in Palm Springs from Dec. 27-29th.

In between East L.A. and College of the Desert is a tough Moorpark

team, again on the road, Dec. 22 for a 7 p.m. contest. After C.O.D., yet another road game awaits the Monarchs at Santa Barbara on Jan. 5, 1991 at 7 p.m.

Against Oxnard, Valley fell behind on a 8-3 Oxnard run to lead

primarily on defense, swatting away five Condor shots while taking six rebounds in the first half. He would end up with seven blocks for the game.

After leading at the half, 37-30, Oxnard went on a 7-0 run over the

that saw Valley make four 3-pointers, three by Rick Garrick, the other by Tory Stephens. Garrick would lead all scorers with 27 points, including five shots from three-point land. Stephens would end the game with 20 points.

Men's Basketball Summary

Pasadena	82-93	Loss	0-1
Trade Tech	74-67	Win	1-1
San Bernadino	89-91	Loss	1-2
Inland Stars	99-69	Win	2-2
Marymount	97-88	Win	3-2
Mira Costa	82-70	Win	4-2
Mt. San Jacinto	75-70	Win	5-2
Long Beach C.C.	65-97	Loss	5-3
Mt. San Antonio	70-65	Win	6-3
Oxnard	73-62	Win	7-3

On Dec. 5, Valley played host to a Mount San Antonio team that possessed an impressive advantage in size over Valley. To add insult to injury, the Monarchs went into the contest knowing they would be without the services of their leading rebounder, Russell Baldwin, due to illness.

Whatever the Monarchs lacked in size and manpower, they compensated in tough team defense and hustle as Valley eeked out a 70-65 victory over Mt. Sac. Stephens poured in 27 points on 12-18 shooting from the field, 15 of those points coming in the second half.

"The effort from our team on defense was excellent," remarked head coach Jim Stephens. "Our matchup zone messed up anything that Mt. Sac wanted to do on offense."

Sequoias belong to Valley

By ERIC BURNS
Sports Editor

Coming off their first loss of the year two days before, the Lady Monarchs did not have any time to cry over spilled milk. Four days of the Sequoias Invitational Tournament were awaiting them. The result

could not have been any sweeter for Valley.

In their first tournament of the season, Valley took all spoils as they went a perfect 4-0, the last win coming against the hometown College of the Sequoias, 65-62 on Dec. 9th.

Valley will carry a 9-1 record with them overall as the Lady Monarchs will host Grossmont tomorrow at

Monarch Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

Tisa Rush, voted as Most Valuable Player for the tournament, put in a team tournament high of 31 points, including seven for eleven from the free throw line. Rush finished the four-game stint with an average of 24 points per contest.

Sylvia Castaneda and Roz Linton received All-Tournament Team honors.

Fellow backcourt woman Katina Mines chipped in with 11 points, making three 3-point shots. Between the two of them, the two guards made up 64 percent of the Lady Monarch total offense on way to victory.

On Dec. 8th, Valley played the Lady Renegades from Bakersfield. After being tied at the half 31-31, Valley outscored Bakersfield 42-32 in the second half of play to defeat the Lady Renegades, 73-63 to advance to the championship game.

Once again, the production of backcourt women Rush and Mines proved crucial to the Lady Monarchs' success, combining for almost half of Valley's 73 points. Overall, the Lady Monarchs chalked up four players in double figures, led by

Mines with 18 and Rush with 16 points.

Against Fullerton on the 7th, Valley had to come back from a halftime deficit, their only one of the tournament, at 36-34. The Lady Monarchs proceeded to overrun the Fullerton team in the second half, 42-25, to advance easily 76-61 into the third round.

Rush led Valley with 29 points, including three 3-point bombs to sink Fullerton. Forward Ericka Miller complemented nicely with 12 points, hitting on four of six from the free throw stripe.

In their opener against Ohlone College on Dec. 6th, Valley controlled the contest from start to finish as the Lady Monarchs breezed into the second round of play with an 83-69 win.

Rush, the 5'6" Kennedy High graduate, scored 20 points to lead four Lady Monarchs in double digits. Roz Linton followed with 13, Wendy Bruse added 12 points and Miller finished with 12 points as well.

Eric's Express

Valley College students and faculty were participants in last Friday's softball game, sponsored by the Associated Student Union on the Monarch softball field. The 7-inning contest was won by the V.C. faculty by the offensive score of 16-9.

Competition in America is a way of life. Everybody is out to get what each person considers the "ideal lifestyle" for their future.

Often, this involves taking down other people on your way to the top. It was refreshing to participate in an event where having fun was the main objective, rather than trying to hurt somebody.

The game was also an excellent opportunity to meet some people and play a game that I hadn't played since I was 12 over at Winnetka Recreational Center.

The fact that the game was played without the pressure of winning or losing gave the event an open atmosphere, which I also enjoyed.

You might be wondering where I'm going with this. My point is that school spirit is an intangible that is very hard to find on this campus... on any community college campus.

Events such as the ASU softball game get people to come together away from the tensions of class requirements and competition for good grades to enjoy each other's company and play a ball game for a couple of hours.

The fact is that there isn't enough time to do everything you want to do day after day.

But when there comes an opportunity to get away from the pressures of the outside world and enjoy yourself for once, it should be exercised.

I hope that the ASU provides more activities for the students of Valley College, more softball games included, to attempt to make school spirit on this campus a reality. College just isn't the same without it.

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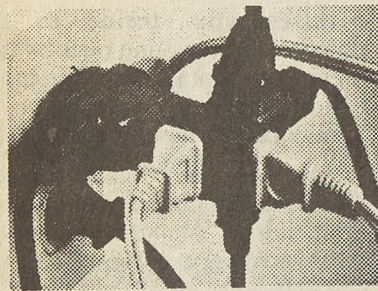
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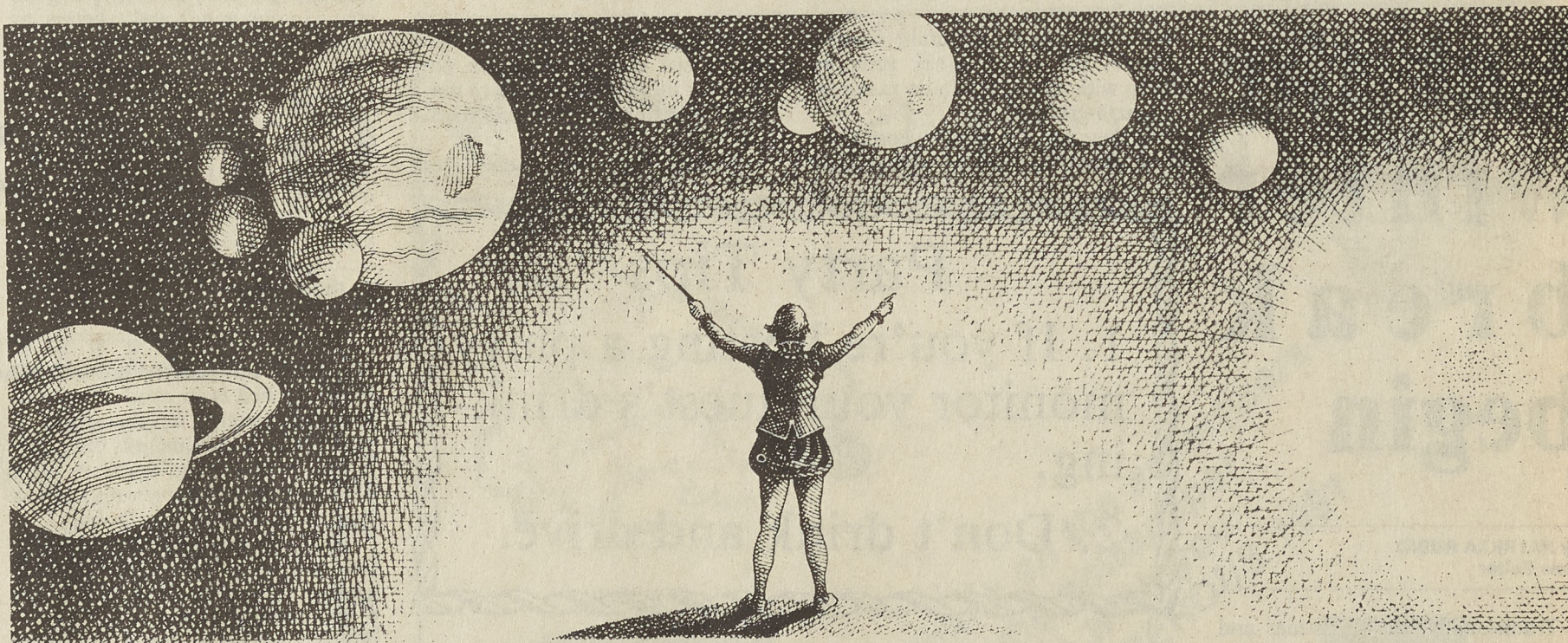
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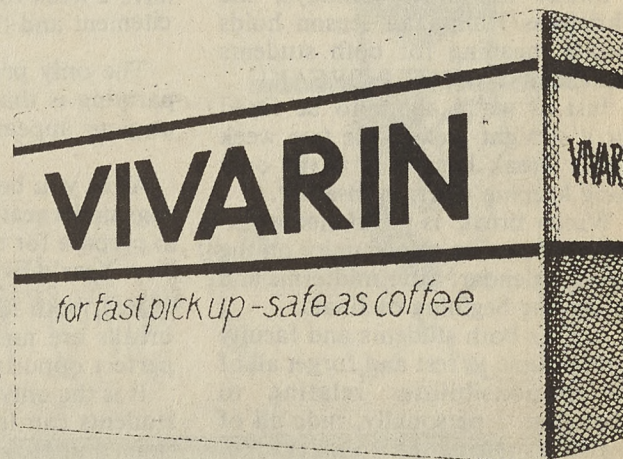
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